



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tomohiro SHINODA

Application No.: 10/733,310

Filed: December 12, 2003

Attorney Docket No.: LIL-0002

Examiner: J. Leung

Art Unit: 3714

Confirmation No.: 9083

For: GAMING MACHINE OPERATIVE FOR READING CHARACTER DATA FROM
TRADING CARDS (as amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated April 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 3, 5 -7 and 9-11 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, 3 and 7 are amended and claims 9-11 are added.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

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